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HERCULES UNCHAINED



Mighty Hercules battles
man-eating tigers
and an enemy army
to save a
besieged kingdom!



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in
HERCULES UNCHAINED
with
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Tricked into captivity by a wily Queen...



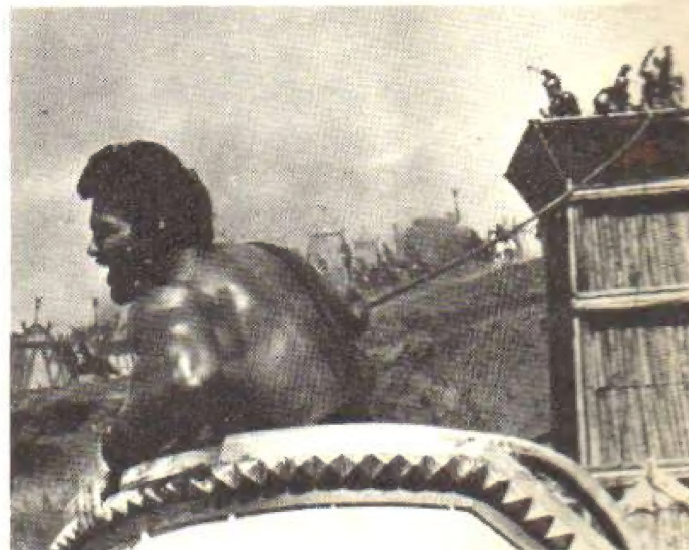
Hercules regains his freedom through his great strength...



...Only to discover that his beloved Jole is the prisoner of a madman.



To save her Hercules must fight his way past a tiger's jaws...

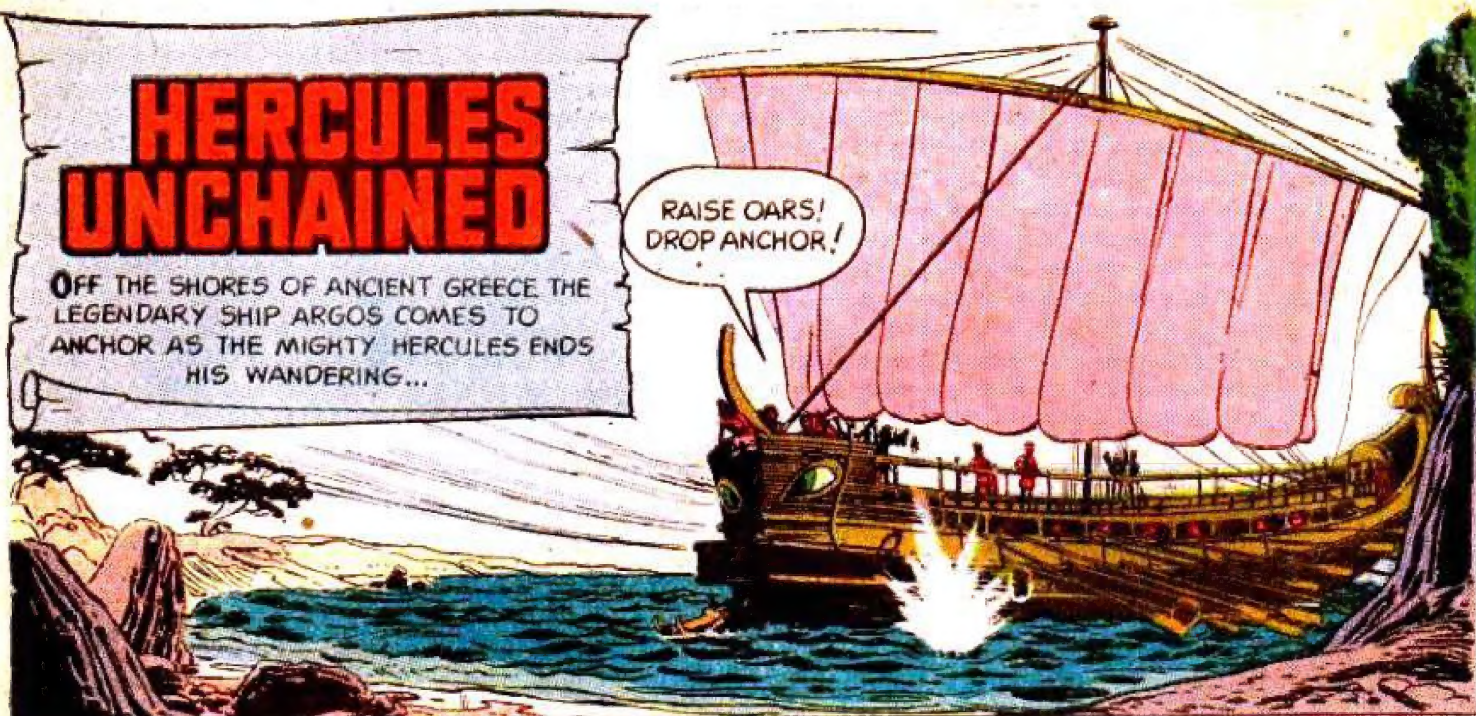


...And topple the towers of a mighty kingdom...

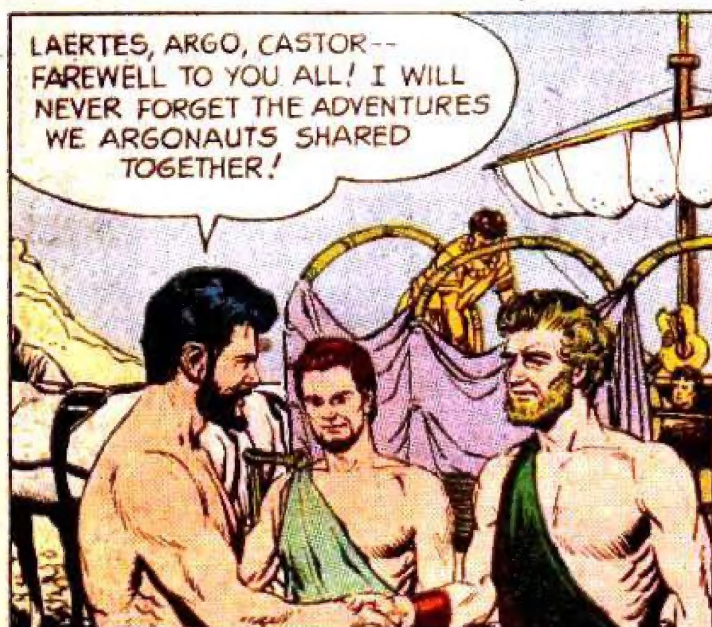
HERCULES UNCHAINED

OFF THE SHORES OF ANCIENT GREECE THE LEGENDARY SHIP ARGOS COMES TO ANCHOR AS THE MIGHTY HERCULES ENDS HIS WANDERING...

RAISE OARS!
DROP ANCHOR!

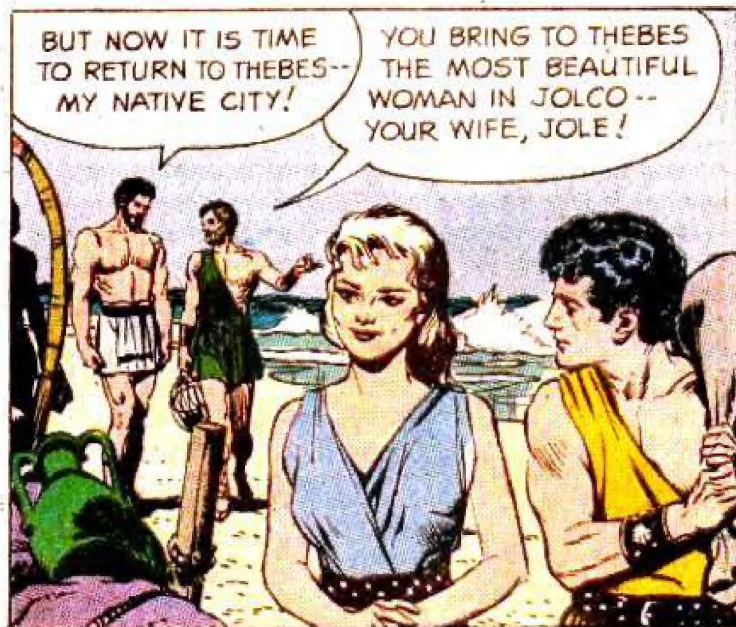


LAERTES, ARGO, CASTOR--
FAREWELL TO YOU ALL! I WILL
NEVER FORGET THE ADVENTURES
WE ARGONAUTS SHARED
TOGETHER!



BUT NOW IT IS TIME
TO RETURN TO THEBES--
MY NATIVE CITY!

YOU BRING TO THEBES
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN IN JOLCO --
YOUR WIFE, JOLE!



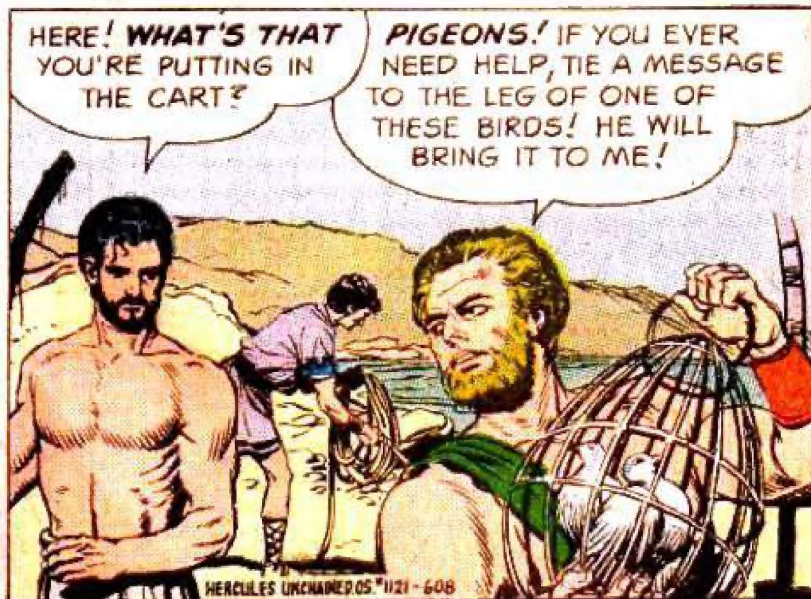
ONE LAST WORD ABOUT
MY SON, ULYSSES! TEACH
HIM TO FOLLOW YOUR
FOOTSTEPS! MAKE HIM A
MAN FIT TO RULE
ITHACA IN MY PLACE
SOME DAY!

I WILL TREAT
HIM LIKE MY
OWN SON,
LAERTES!



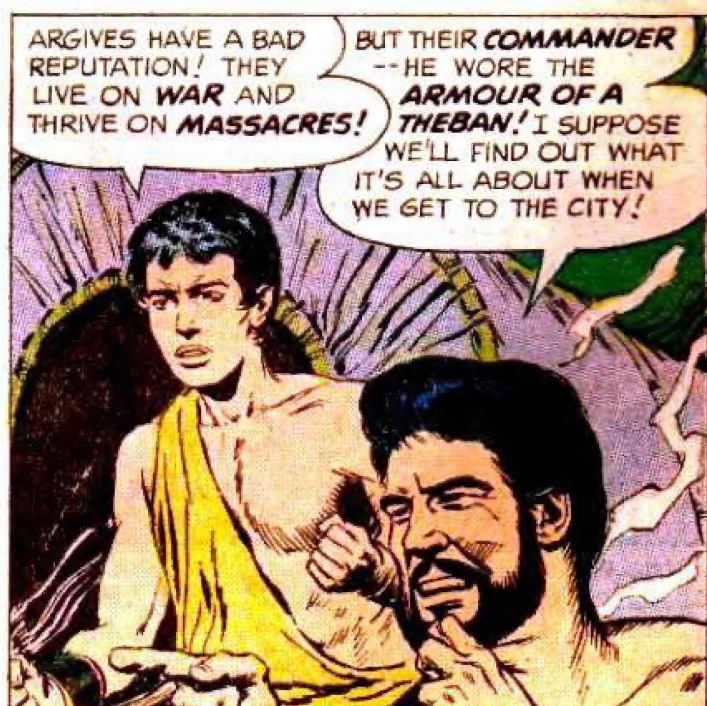
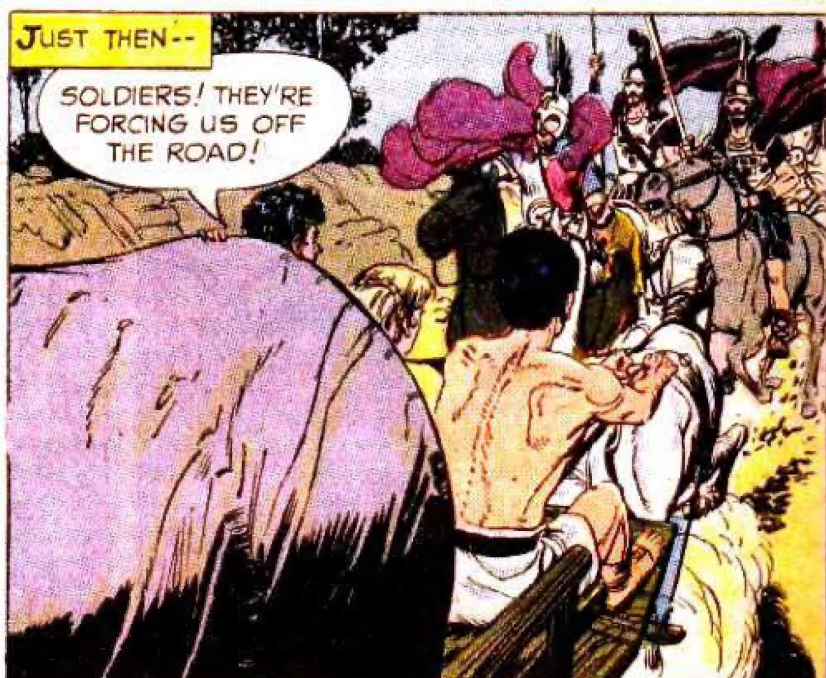
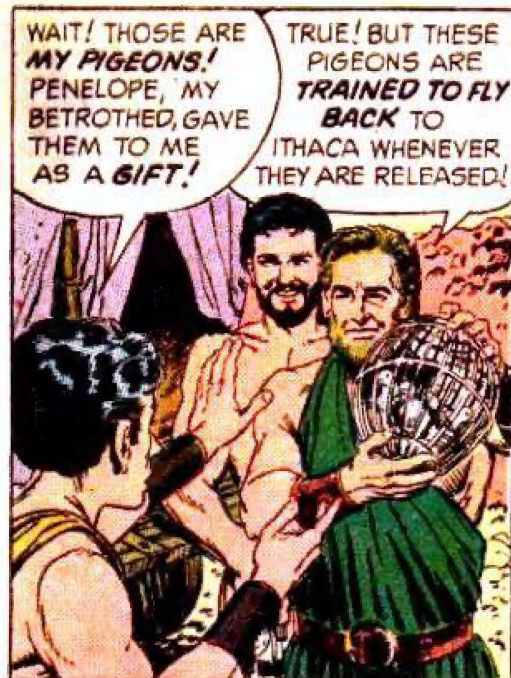
HERE! WHAT'S THAT
YOU'RE PUTTING IN
THE CART?

PIGEONS! IF YOU EVER
NEED HELP, TIE A MESSAGE
TO THE LEG OF ONE OF
THESE BIRDS! HE WILL
BRING IT TO ME!



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LATER THAT DAY--AS HERCULES DOZES BACK IN THE CART...

HO, THERE!
NO ONE PASSES
THROUGH THIS VALLEY
WITHOUT THE
PERMISSION OF
ANTAEUS!



TO USE THIS ROAD YOU
MUST PAY A **HEAVY PRICE!**
I'LL TAKE YOUR HORSES
FIRST! THEN I'LL SEARCH
YOUR WAGON FOR **GOLD!**

HERCULES! **WAKE
UP!** HERCULES,
**WE'RE IN
TROUBLE!**



STAND **ASIDE,**
BOY! DON'T TRY TO
INTERFERE WITH ME!

SO YOU'LL MATCH
YOUR STRENGTH
AGAINST A
STRIPLING?



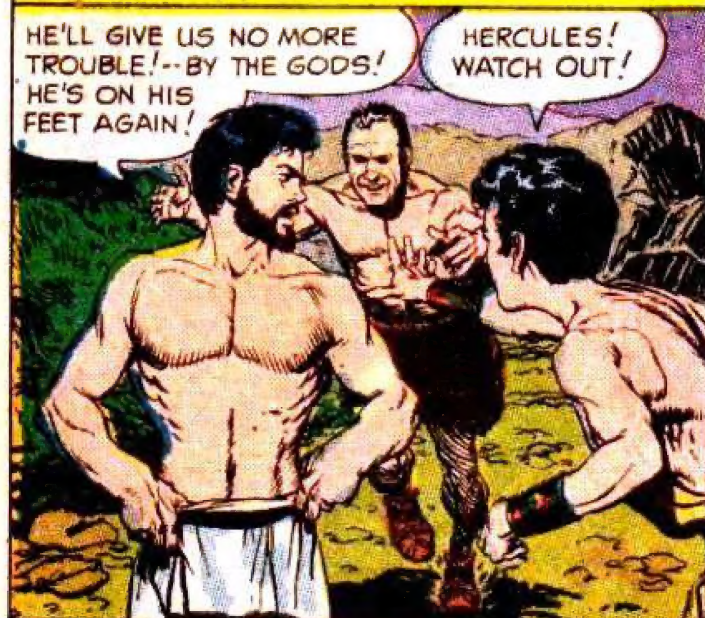
NOW TRY YOUR
MUSCLES AGAINST
A **MAN!**



THOUGH ANTAEUS LANDS WITH TERRIFIC IMPACT,
HE LEAPS TO HIS FEET, UNHURT...

HE'LL GIVE US NO MORE
TROUBLE!--BY THE GODS!
HE'S ON HIS
FEET AGAIN!

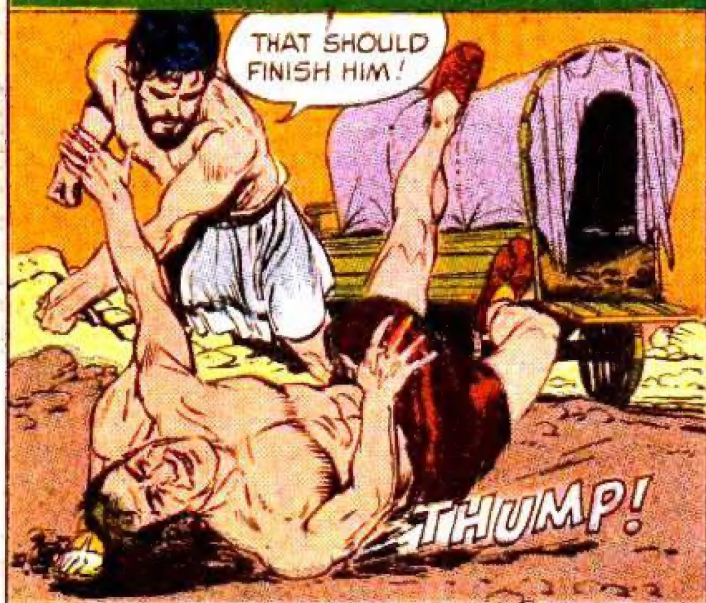
HERCULES!
WATCH OUT!



YOU HAVE JUST BEGUN
TO FEEL MY STRENGTH,
LITTLE MORTAL!



BUT WITH A SUDDEN DEFT MOVE HERCULES BREAKS THE HOLD AND TURNS THE TABLES...



THUNDERBOLTS OF ZEUS! NO ONE COULD SURVIVE THAT FALL! BUT HE'S GETTING UP AGAIN!

HERCULES!--ANTAEUS IS THE SON OF THE EARTH GODDESS! HE GETS STRONGER EACH TIME HE TOUCHES HIS MOTHER, THE EARTH!



THEN I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE MY WAY OF FIGHTING!

HO, THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PUT ME DOWN!



PANIC SEIZES THE GIANT AS HIS FEET LEAVE THE GROUND...

LET ME GO, CURSED STRANGER! PUT ME DOWN OR I'LL BREAK YOU IN HALF!



BUT WITH EVERY SECOND ANTAEUS GROWS WEAKER UNTIL...

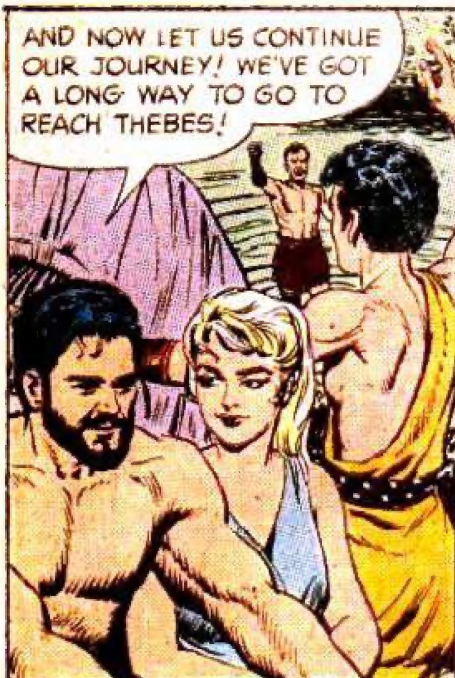
DOWN... LET ME... TOUCH... EARTH!

HE'S HAD ENOUGH NOW! HE'S TAKING LEAVE OF HIS SENSES!



THAT COLD STREAM SHOULD REVIVE HIM!





AND NOW LET US CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY! WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO TO REACH THEBES!



BUT BEFORE LONG--A SUDDEN STORM!

HERCULES--WE'LL HAVE TO FIND SHELTER SOMEWHERE!

WE'LL FIND IT IN THAT FOREST JUST AHEAD! I PLAYED THERE AS A BOY! THEY SAY THE GATES OF INFERNO ARE HIDDEN AMONG THOSE TREES!



LOOK--A CAVE!

GET UNDER SHELTER WHILE I COVER THE HORSES!



BUT BEFORE JOLE CAN REACH THE CAVE...

I *THOUGHT* I HEARD SOMEONE NEAR THE CAVE ENTRANCE! LOOK WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE, COMMANDER ANFIKAO!

A GIFT FROM THE GODS! I DIDN'T KNOW THESE THEBAN GIRLS COULD BE SO PRETTY!



LET ME GO! HERCULES, HELP!

IT'S JOLE! SHE'S IN TROUBLE!



LET HER GO!

GLOUT!



HE KNOCKED DOWN
OUR COMMANDER,
ANFIRAO!

PUT BACK YOUR SWORD,
FOOL! THAT WAS HERCULES!
HE COULD WIPE OUT OUR
WHOLE TROOP, SINGLE-HANDED!



THOSE SOLDIERS NEEDED
THAT LESSON IN
MANNERS, HERCULES!

QUIET!
I HEAR
VOICES!



THERE BEFORE THEM A WEIRD DRAMA UNFOLDS...

ASK NO HELP FROM ME, POLYNICES!
YOU AND ETEOCLES, MY OWN
SONS, **STOLE MY KINGDOM!**
NOW I WILL REMAIN HERE IN MY
ASYLUM UNTIL I DIE!



IT'S OEDIPUS,
KING OF THEBES!

MY EYES SEE ONLY
DARKNESS, BUT MY
EARS RECOGNIZE THE
VOICE OF MY FAITHFUL
FRIEND, HERCULES!



OEDIPUS! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE? YOU SHOULD
BE IN **THEBES!**

POLYNICES, WHO KNEELS
BEFORE YOU HERE, --
HE AND HIS BROTHER
PERSUADED ME TO
LEAVE THE
THRONE!



POLYNICES AND ETEOCLES
AGREED THAT EACH
WOULD RULE THEBES
IN TURN FOR **ONE YEAR!**

IT'S **MY**
TURN TO
RULE NOW,
BUT
ETEOCLES
DROVE ME
FROM THEBES!

AND NOW THIS SCHEMER
WANTS ME TO HELP HIM
SEIZE THE THRONE--WITH
THE AID OF THE ARMY
OF THE ARGIVES!

THE ARGIVES!
THEY WOULD
DESTROY
THEBES! ITS
PEOPLE WOULD
BE SLAIN,
THE CITY
LOOTED!



POLYNICES, I WILL NOT
PERMIT MY NATIVE CITY
TO BE DESTROYED!
I'LL GO TO ETEOCLES
AND CONVINCE HIM
TO RESPECT
YOUR FACT!

VERY WELL! I
GRANT YOU SIX
DAYS TO MAKE
PEACE BETWEEN
US!



SIX DAYS! AFTER
THAT I MARCH WITH
MY ARGIVE ARMY
AGAINST THEBES!



AND NOW THE EERIE DRAMA COMES TO A CLOSE
AS A VOICE FROM THE DEPTHS SUMMONS THE
OLD KING...

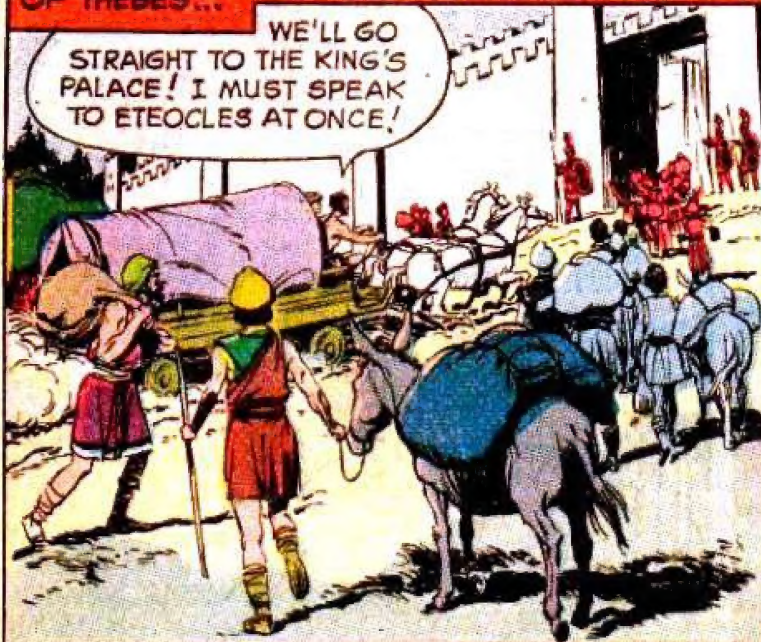
FAREWELL, OEDIPUS!

THE TIME HAS
COME, OEDIPUS!
THE GATES ARE
OPENING FOR YOU!



THE NEXT DAY HERCULES ARRIVES AT THE GATES
OF THEBES...

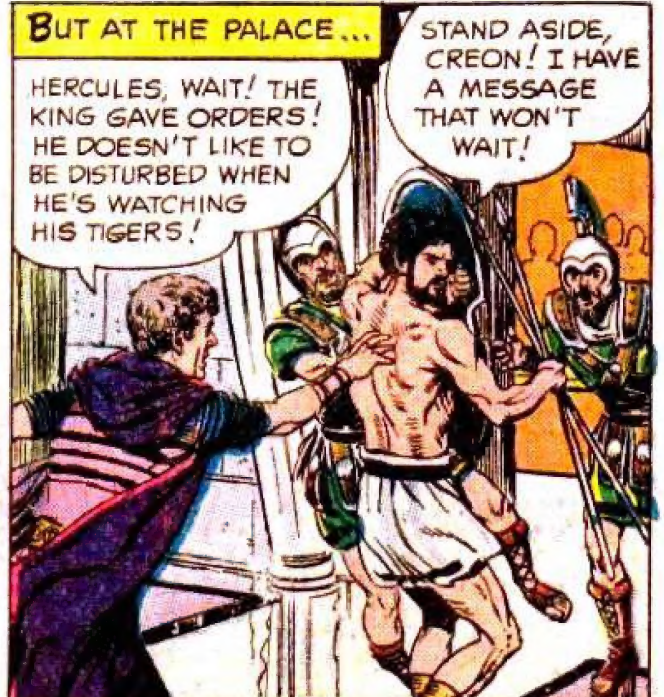
WE'LL GO
STRAIGHT TO THE KING'S
PALACE! I MUST SPEAK
TO ETEOCLES AT ONCE!



BUT AT THE PALACE...

HERCULES, WAIT! THE
KING GAVE ORDERS!
HE DOESN'T LIKE TO
BE DISTURBED WHEN
HE'S WATCHING
HIS TIGERS!

STAND ASIDE,
CREON! I HAVE
A MESSAGE
THAT WON'T
WAIT!



HERCULES! YOU MUST HAVE A REALLY IMPORTANT MESSAGE OR YOU WOULDN'T **DARE** DISTURB ME NOW!

ETEOCLES, I BRING WORD FROM YOUR BROTHER, **POLYNICES!**



POLYNICES! I SHOULD HAVE THROWN HIM TO MY **TIGERS!** **HSST!** QUIET NOW, THIS IS THE BEST PART OF THE PERFORMANCE!



THE PERFORMANCE ENDS BUT AS THE LAST TIGER LEAVES THE PIT, **SUDDENLY...**



THE TRAINER-- HE'S DEAD, YOUR HIGHNESS!

BAH! YOU CAN'T FIND A CAPABLE TRAINER, ANY MORE!

WELL, HERCULES, WHAT DOES MY BROTHER WANT?



HE WANTS YOU TO SHARE THE THRONE WITH HIM OR HE **MARCHES ON THEBES** WITH THE ARGIVE ARMY!

AND I'M SUPPOSED TO **DISAPPEAR** AND RETURN IN A YEAR-- **IF** MY BROTHER FEELS LIKE IT!



SO, HE'S HIRED THE ARGIVE ARMY! **HM!** WITHOUT ALLIES I COULDN'T HOPE TO WIN! IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR ME TO LEAVE THEBES AT THAT! I COULD SAIL TO EGYPT-- THEY SAY THE EGYPTIANS HAVE SOME FINE ANIMAL TRAINERS!





VERY WELL, HERCULES!
I'LL **LEAVE THE THRONE!** THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR GREAT SAGE CREON HAPPY! HE ALWAYS DISAPPROVED OF ME!

HE THINKS AND ACTS LIKE A MADMAN!



JUST THEN, IN THE TIGER PIT...

THOSE PEOPLE? WHO ARE THEY?

PRISONERS! THAT DOOR LEADS TO THE **TOWER OF TIGERS!** IF THEY TRY TO ESCAPE, THEY MEET THE SAME FATE AS THE ANIMAL TRAINER!



THE NEXT DAY ETEOCLES VISITS THE HOME OF HERCULES IN THEBES...

HERE, HERCULES! TAKE THIS TREATY TO MY BROTHER FOR HIS SIGNATURE! TELL HIM I'LL DO AS HE ASKS-- **FOR THE PRESENT!**

I'LL START OUT **AT ONCE,** ETEOCLES!



AND THIS IS YOUR WIFE **JOLE?** I'VE HEARD MUCH OF HER! DOES SHE GO WITH YOU?

NO! CREON WILL STAY TO GUARD HER UNTIL I GET HOME!



SO JOLE REMAINS, EH? EXCELLENT! THEN, IF HERCULES AND POLYNICES TRY ANY TRICKS, I'LL USE HER AS A **HOSTAGE!**



LATE THAT AFTERNOON ON THE JOURNEY TOWARD POLYNICES' CAMP...

THIS SPRING LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO CAMP! I'LL START A FIRE! YOU GET SOME GAME!

DON'T WORRY! I WON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED!

BUT AS HERCULES DRINKS HE SEEMS TO HEAR
A WARNING ECHO...

THESE ARE THE WATERS OF
FORGETFULNESS! YOU WHO DRINK
OF THEM WILL
FORGET ALL--
EVERY-
THING!



MY HEAD! IT'S SPINNING!
WHERE AM I? WHO--



HERCULES!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HERCULES!



MOMENTS LATER, ANOTHER SURPRISE...

SOLDIERS! STRANGERS! I'D
BETTER GUARD MY TONGUE
UNTIL I FIND OUT WHO THEY
ARE AND WHAT THEY WANT!



ALL RIGHT! -
WHO IS THIS
MAN? AND
WHO ARE YOU?

UHHH!
UHHH!

LOOKS TO
ME LIKE THE
BOY IS A
DEAF-MUTE!



THIS ONE SHOULD BE A FINE
ADDITION TO OUR QUEEN'S
COLLECTION! PUT HIM
ON THE LITTER! WE'LL
TAKE HIM BACK
WITH US!

QUEEN OMPHALE
WILL BE
PLEASED!

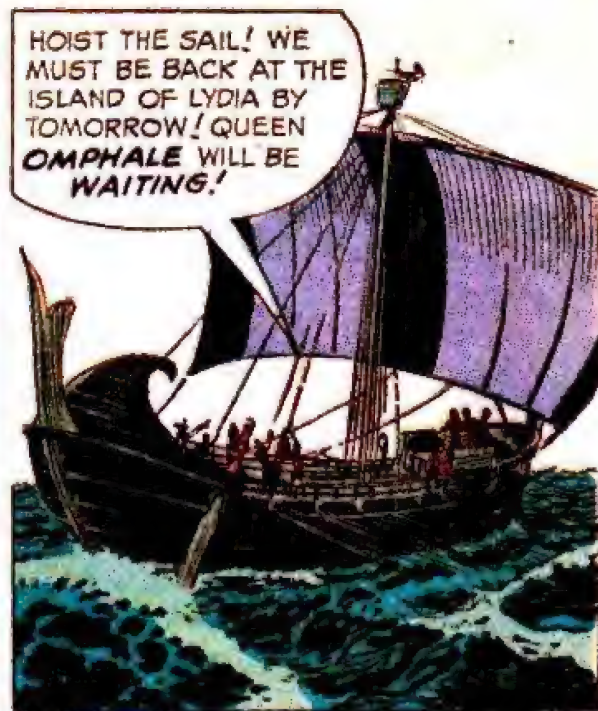




FILL THE **LEATHER SKINS** AT THE SPRING OF FORGETFULNESS AND FOLLOW US TO THE **SHIP!**

YES, COMMANDER SANDONE!

SPRING OF FORGETFULNESS! SO THAT'S IT!



HOIST THE SAIL! WE MUST BE BACK AT THE ISLAND OF LYDIA BY TOMORROW! QUEEN **OMPHALE** WILL BE WAITING!



THE NEXT NIGHT... ON THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND KINGDOM OF LYDIA...

THIS IS **HERCULES THE THEBAN**, YOUR HIGHNESS! AND HIS SERVANT, A POOR DEAF-MUTE!

YOU HAVE CHOSEN WELL, SANDONE! HE SHOULD MAKE A HANDSOME KING FOR LYDIA! NOW TAKE THEM TO THEIR QUARTERS!



AS FOR THIS ONE -- HE IS OF **NO FURTHER USE!** TAKE HIM AND DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

OMPHALE! YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU TOLD ME I WAS THE **KING!** -- THAT I WOULD SHARE YOUR THRONE!



IT IS MORNING WHEN **HERCULES** WAKES FROM HIS STUPOR! HE IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE QUEEN...

YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE! CAN'T YOU HELP ME? I **DON'T REMEMBER** WHO I AM -- OR HOW I CAME HERE! I CAN'T REMEMBER **ANYTHING!**

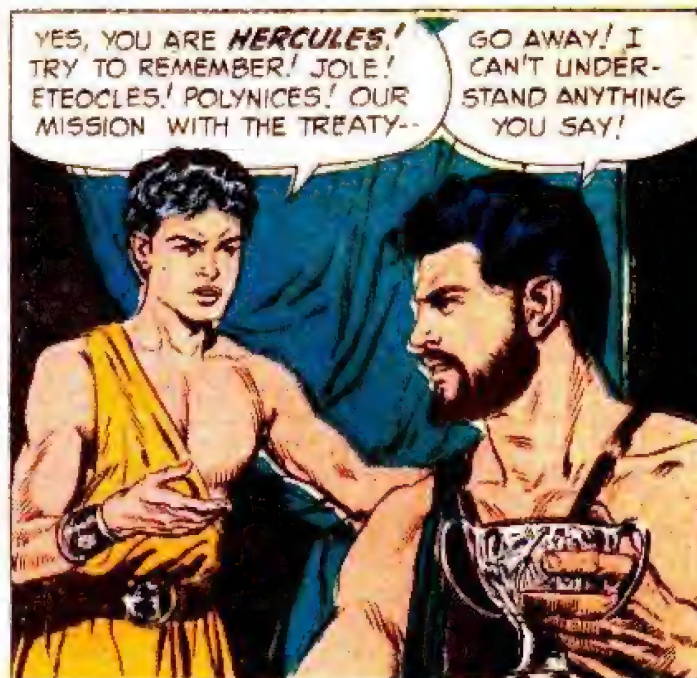
AND IS THAT SO IMPORTANT?



COME, SIT BESIDE ME! DO YOU KNOW THIS BOY?

NO! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE IN MY LIFE!





AND AS THE VALIANT SHIP, **ARGOS** SETS SAIL...



MEANWHILE IN THE ROYAL PALACE AT THEBES...

THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED AND NO WORD FROM HERCULES! I SAY HE IS PLOTTING WITH POLYNICES TO DESTROY ME!

OUR SPIES REPORT THE ARGIVES ARE GATHERING FOR BATTLE. I HAVE SEEN THEIR TROOP CONCENTRATIONS WITH MY OWN EYES!



BUT HERCULES WOULD **NEVER** BETRAY YOU! HE KNOWS YOU'D TAKE JOLE AS **HOSTAGE**!

I'VE GOT A **SURPRISE** FOR YOU, CREON!

BRING IN THE WOMAN!



THERE'S YOUR **JOLE**! MY MEN CAUGHT HER TRYING TO LEAVE THE CITY TO JOIN HERCULES!

CREON, I HADN'T HEARD FROM HERCULES FOR DAYS! I WAS WORRIED! I WAS GOING TO **SEARCH** FOR HIM!



AND YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT STORY?

TAKE HER AWAY! ARREST ALL THEBANS SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING WITH POLYNICES! YOU CAN START WITH **CREON**!



IN THE DISTANT PALACE OF OMPHALE, ULYSSES WATCHES HIS FRIEND...

THE **WATERS OF FORGETFULNESS**! OMPHALE'S SERVANTS ARE POURING ANOTHER GOBLET FOR HERCULES!





OH! EXCUSE ME!

YOU KNOCKED OVER MY GOBLET AGAIN! YOU GROW **CLUMSIER** EACH DAY, BOY!



I DO IT FOR YOU, HERCULES! DON'T DRINK THAT WATER THEY'RE GIVING YOU! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL RECOVER YOUR MEMORY! THEN, WHEN WE ESCAPE--

ESCAPE? BUT THIS IS YOUR NATIVE LAND, ISN'T IT?



LISTEN! MY NAME IS **ULYSSES**! THE QUEEN'S MEN CAPTURED US, BROUGHT US HERE! WE **MUST ESCAPE**! I SAW SOMETHING HERE THAT MADE MY BLOOD RUN COLD!



"I WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO ESCAPE FROM THE PALACE WHEN I SAW THE ENTRANCE TO A GROTTO.



WHAT I SAW INSIDE WAS **UNBELIEVABLE**...

STATUES OF MEN -- THEY'RE SO REAL, THEY ALMOST LOOK **ALIVE**!



THEN, DEEPER IN THE CAVE, I SAW **OMPHALE** -- AND AN **EGYPTIAN**!

THERE YOU ARE, MY QUEEN! YOUR LAST COURT FAVORITE -- JUST AS HE WAS IN LIFE! EVERY DETAIL **PERFECT**!

YOU EGYPTIANS ARE SO CLEVER! IT MUST BE EXCITING WORK TO FIX A MAN'S CHARACTER **FOREVER**!

"BUT JUST BEFORE I SLIPPED AWAY --"

AND WHEN CAN WE
EXPECT TO GET TO WORK
ON HERCULES?

I-I'LL LET
YOU KNOW!



YOU **MUSTN'T** TELL ANY
OF THIS TO THE QUEEN! I
FEAR WHAT SHE **PLANS**
FOR YOU, HERCULES!

HERCULES-- THAT
NAME YOU CALL ME!
SOMEHOW IT SOUNDS
MORE FAMILIAR
NOW!



I SEEM TO REMEMBER
SOMETHING! I WAS
STRONG, THEN...

GOOD! THEN YOUR
MEMORY IS BEGINNING
TO **RETURN**!



THAT AFTERNOON...

I'LL SEE THEM AT
ONCE, SANDONE!

GREAT QUEEN, VOYAGERS HAVE
JUST ARRIVED! LAERTES OF
ITHACA AND HIS CREW! THEY
ARE WAITING TO PRESENT
THEIR RESPECTS!

HERCULES,
YOU WAIT
HERE!



BUT EVEN AS ULYSSES HEARS
THE EXCITING NEWS --

ALL RIGHT, **YOU!** GET
BACK INTO YOUR **CELL!**
MY ORDERS ARE TO
KEEP YOU **OUT OF**
SIGHT WHEN
THERE ARE
STRANGERS
ABOUT!



SOON...

GRACIOUS QUEEN, WE
HAVE A PERILOUS VOYAGE
AHEAD! ALL WE ASK IS **HOSPITALITY**
WHILE WE ARE ON YOUR ISLAND!
ACCEPT THESE GIFTS WITH
OUR GRATITUDE!





BUT AS THE ARGONAUTS TURN FROM THE THRONE...

YOU THERE, I THINK I'VE MET YOU BEFORE! STAY A MOMENT WHILE I TRY TO REMEMBER!...WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

THEY CALL ME **CASTOR!** AT YOUR SERVICE, MY QUEEN!



DAYS PASS! IN DISTANT THEBES, A CRISIS APPROACHES...

THE SIX DAYS HAVE LONG PASSED, POLYNICES, AND STILL NO WORD FROM THEBES! HERCULES AND ETEOCLES ARE **CONSPIRING** AGAINST YOU!

I'LL BE **KING YET**, ANFIRAO! YOUR ARGIVE WARRIORS WILL CONQUER THEBES FOR ME!



WITH THOSE NEW SIEGE TOWERS, MY WARRIORS WILL SWARM OVER THE WALLS OF THEBES! THE RICHES OF THE CITY WILL BE **OURS!**



NEWS OF THE IMPENDING ATTACK COMES TO THEBES...

LOOK DOWN THERE, YOUR HIGHNESS! THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ARE CROWDING INTO THE CITY TO TAKE REFUGE FROM THE ARGIVES!

WITHOUT MY **PERMISSION?** WE HAVE TOO MANY TO FEED IN THEBES **ALREADY!**



CLOSE THE GATES! ABANDON THOSE CLOUDS TO THE ENEMY!

NO! LET US IN, OR WE'LL ALL BE **DESTROYED!**

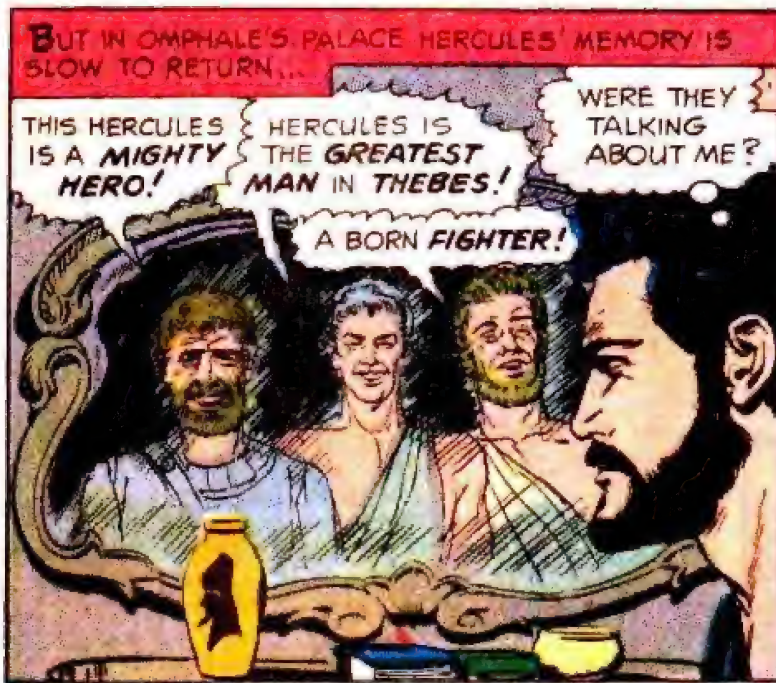


AND IN THE THEBAN DUNGEONS

O CREON, WE'LL **NEVER** GET OUT OF THE **TOWER OF TIGERS** ALIVE! IF ONLY **HERCULES** WERE HERE!

BE BRAVE, JOLE! I KNOW THAT **SOMEHOW** HERCULES WILL FIND A WAY TO HELP US!





MEANWHILE HERCULES HAS ENTERED THE THRONE ROOM WHERE...

OMPHALE, YOU PRETEND TO BE ATTRACTED TO ME, BUT YOU ONLY WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHY WE CAME HERE TO LYDIA!

I *KNOW* WHY YOU CAME HERE, CASTOR! YOU SEEK *HERCULES*!



I PITY YOU, OMPHALE! ONCE HERCULES RECOVERS HIS MEMORY YOU CAN NEVER HOLD HIM HERE!

HERCULES! I CURSE THE DAY HE ENTERED THIS PALACE!



SO YOU CURSE THE DAY I CAME HERE? NOW I BEGIN TO PULL THE THREADS TOGETHER... *AT LAST* I KNOW WHO I *REALLY* AM!

HERCULES!



I DID IT BECAUSE I LOVED YOU! I LOVE YOU MORE THAN JOLE EVER COULD!

I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE -- BUT YOU DON'T DESERVE IT! I'M LEAVING THIS ISLAND AT ONCE!



THE QUEEN'S PLEADING IS IN VAIN... AND SOON...

LET IT BE AS YOU WISH, HERCULES! NOW, REJOIN YOUR FRIENDS! I WILL SEE THAT YOU GET AWAY FROM MY ISLAND SAFELY!



AS HERCULES' COMPANIONS REJOICE IN THE REUNION...

THANK THE GODS THAT HERCULES IS *ALIVE*! BUT WHAT OF MY SON *ULYSSES*?

IF HE'S AMONG THE LIVING, HE'LL GET TO US SOMEHOW!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT AN ANGRY SOLDIER RUSHES IN...

SANDONE!
THE CAPTAIN OF MY
GUARDS! THEN, **WHO**
IS THIS?

THAT'S HERCULES'
SERVANT BRAT! HE
AMBUSHED ME IN THE
DUNGEON AND STOLE
MY CLOAK!



**YOU! I'VE GOT A
SCORE TO SETTLE
BEFORE YOU LEAVE!**

IT'S **ULYSSES!**
**ULYSSES, MY
SON!**



HERCULES IS INSTANTLY READY FOR BATTLE...

**CUT THEM DOWN!
SPARE NO ONE
BUT HERCULES!**



AND AS ULYSSES SWORD STRIKES HOME...

THIS WAY, ULYSSES!

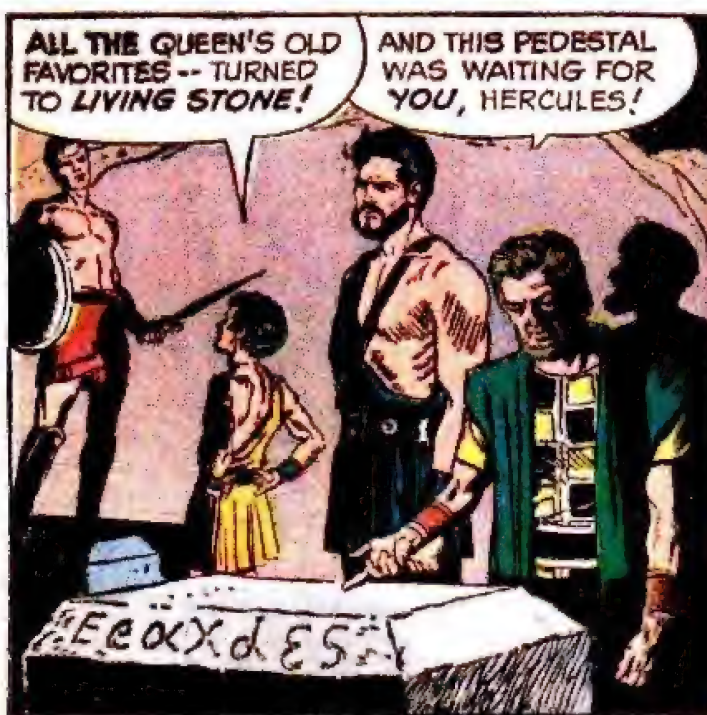
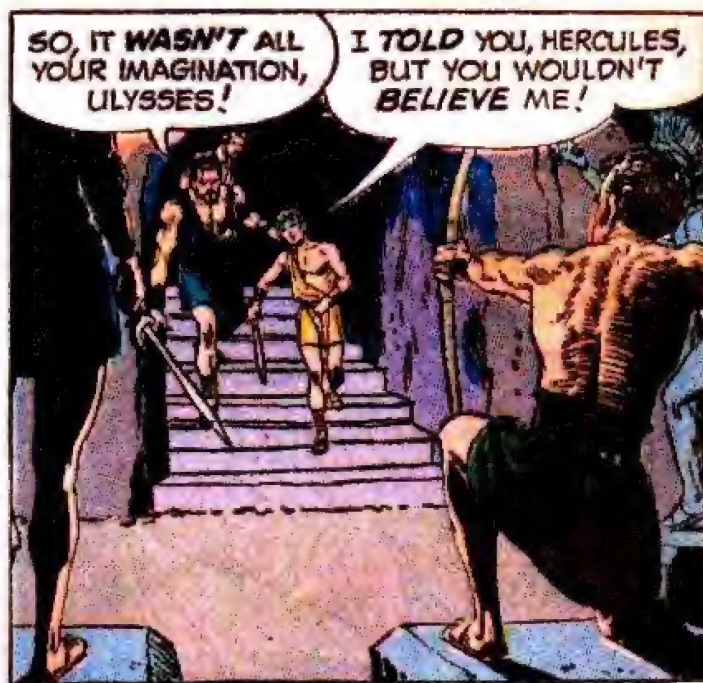


BUT AT THE PALACE GATES...

HERCULES!
WE'RE CUT OFF!

WE'RE NOT
FINISHED YET!





HERCULES' MIGHTY SINEWS HOLD THE DOORS APART...



ALL RIGHT, HERCULES!
WE ALL GOT THROUGH
SAFELY! YOU CAN
LET GO NOW!

LOOK THERE! WE'RE
FREE AT LAST!



THE SEA!
THE SEA!

AND THERE'S
THE ARGOS
WAITING FOR
US!



SOON, ABOARD THE ARGOS

HERCULES, YOU WERE
IMPRISONED ON THAT
ISLAND FOR TWENTY
DAYS! WE'LL HAVE
TO MOVE **QUICKLY!**

TWENTY DAYS!
THEN THE TIME
LIMIT WAS UP **LONG**
AGO! POLYNICES IS
PROBABLY ATTACKING
THEBES RIGHT NOW!
AND **JOLE** IS IN THE
HANDS OF THAT
MADMAN
ETEOCLES!



HOIST SAIL!
MAKE **ALL SPEED**
TO THE SHORES
OF **THEBES!**



THE NEXT DAY BEFORE THE WALLS OF THEBES...

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE
I **DEMAND** THE **SURRENDER**
OF THEBES! TO THE FOLLOWERS
OF ETEOCLES I GUARANTEE
THEIR PROPERTY AND CIVIL
RIGHTS! AS FOR ETEOCLES,
HE WILL BE SENT INTO **EXILE**!



HEAR ME, POLYNICES! I WILL
NEVER SURRENDER THE
CITY TO A TRAITOR WHO
HIRES ALIENS TO FIGHT
AGAINST THEBES!

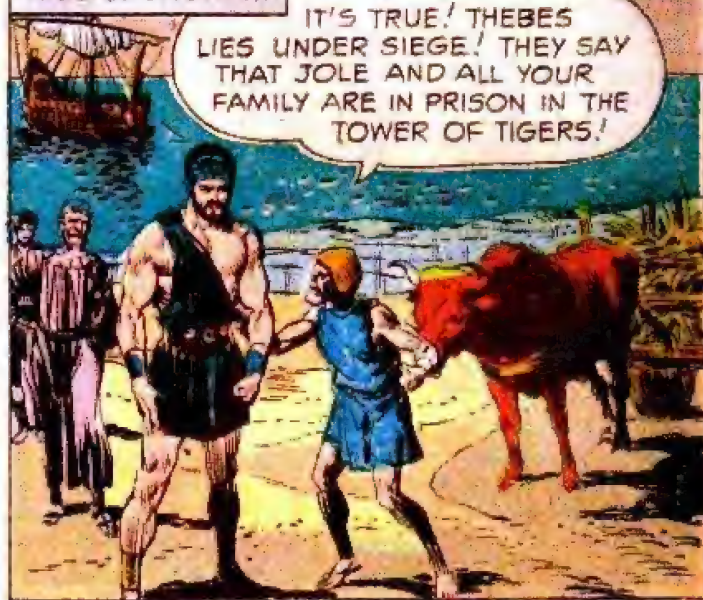


AS FOR YOUR **ACCOMPLICE**,
HERCULES--I HOLD HIS FAMILY
AND FRIENDS AS **PRISONERS**!
THEY SHALL REMAIN IN THE
TOWER OF TIGERS UNTIL I
WIN VICTORY!



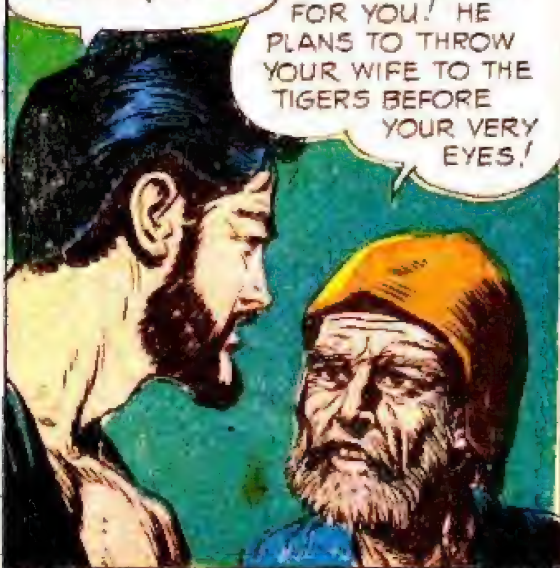
TWO NIGHTS LATER HERCULES ARRIVES ON THE
THEBAN SHORE...

IT'S TRUE! THEBES
LIES UNDER SIEGE! THEY SAY
THAT JOLE AND ALL YOUR
FAMILY ARE IN PRISON IN THE
TOWER OF TIGERS!



IF THAT MADMAN
HARMS MY
FAMILY OR
FRIENDS, I'LL...

HERCULES, DON'T
RETURN TO THEBES!
THEY SAY ETEOCLES
HAS SET A TRAP
FOR YOU! HE
PLANS TO THROW
YOUR WIFE TO THE
TIGERS BEFORE
YOUR VERY
EYES!



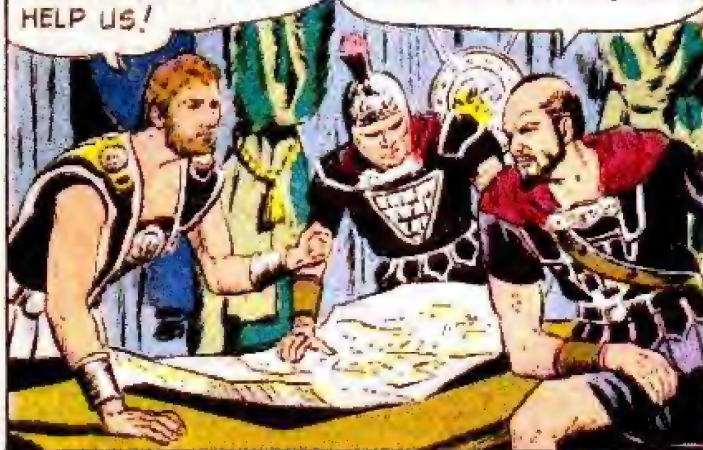
I MUST FIND SOME WAY
INTO THE CITY! I **MUST**
SAVE JOLE AND MY LOVED
ONES BEFORE ETEOCLES
DESTROYS
THEM ALL!



THE NEXT MORNING POLYNICES PLANS FOR THE COMING BATTLE

HAVE NO FEAR, ANFIRAO! WHEN WE ATTACK, MY SUPPORTERS IN THE CITY WILL **REVOLT** AND HELP US!

DON'T BE A **FOOL**, POLYNICES! MY SPIES TELL ME YOUR FRIENDS ARE EITHER **ELIMINATED** OR **IMPRISONED**!



JUST THEN...

AN **EMISSARY** FROM THEBES, YOUR HIGHNESS! HE BRINGS A **MESSAGE**!

SO ETEOCLES IS READY TO COME TO TERMS, EH? ALL RIGHT! SEND HIM IN!



POLYNICES, ETEOCLES OFFERS TO SETTLE THE RULE OF THEBES IN SINGLE COMBAT! JUST YOU AND HE ALONE!

A DUEL? NOT A BAD IDEA! I COULD LOSE A THIRD OF MY MEN IN AN ASSAULT ON THE CITY!



POLYNICES, WE THEBANS ARE WEARY OF QUARRELS AND BLOODSHED! LET THIS DUEL SETTLE YOUR DIFFERENCES-- UNLESS YOU'RE **AFRAID**!

I DO NOT FEAR ETEOCLES! I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!



BUT WHAT IF YOU ARE **KILLED**, POLYNICES? WILL YOUR ARGIVE MERCENARIES **LEAVE** OUR CITY AND RETURN HOMEWARD?

CERTAINLY! YOU HAVE MY **WORD**! WE ARGIVES ARE MEN OF **HONOR**!



MEANWHILE HERCULES HAS FOUND AN UNGUARDED SPOT IN THE WALLS OF THEBES...

THAT STREAM FLOWS UNDER THE CITY WALL! THAT COULD BE OUR CHANCE, IF WE CAN PRY APART THE BARS IN THAT GATE!

LET ME GO FIRST! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT GATE!



DEEP BENEATH THE SURFACE, OUT OF SIGHT
OF HIDDEN SENTRIES...



THEN, ONE BY ONE, HIS COMPANIONS FOLLOW...



BUT WHERE'S
HERCULES? HE'S
**NOWHERE IN
SIGHT!**

NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT
HERCULES NOW! HERE
COME SOME OF
ETEOCLES SOLDIERS!



MAKE SHORT WORK OF THEM!
QUICKLY, WE MUST FIND
HERCULES!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

THIS GATE--IT
LOOKS LIKE AN
ENTRANCE INTO
ETEOCLES'
PALACE!



HA, HA, HA!

THE TIGER PIT!
I'M TRAPPED!







NOW TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE PRISON!

BAMM!



HERCULES! I KNEW THE FATES WOULD NOT DESERT US!

MY GOOD FRIEND CREON! WHERE IS JOLE? I DO NOT SEE HER HERE!



JOLE ESCAPED! WE MANAGED TO BRIBE A GUARD! SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO SLIP OUT OF THE CITY AND LOOK FOR YOU!

BUT THE ARGIVE ARMY IS **EVERYWHERE** OUTSIDE THE WALLS! PRAY THE GODS SHE HAS **ESCAPED** THEM!



BUT EVEN AT THAT MOMENT IN THE ARGIVE CAMP...

AH, MY LOVELY JOLE! YOU MAY HAVE BEEN SMART ENOUGH TO ESCAPE FROM **ETEOCLES**-- BUT MY ARGIVE SENTRIES WERE TOO SHARP-EYED FOR YOU!

YOU'LL REGRET THIS, ANFIRAO!



I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN HOW HERCULES STRUCK ME WHEN WE FIRST MET! I'LL REVENGE MYSELF THROUGH YOU, JOLE!

A COWARD'S REVENGE, WORTHY ONLY OF AN ARGIVE!



JUST THEN...

TARRRRRAH!

READY YOURSELF FOR BATTLE, POLYNICES! HERE COMES YOUR BROTHER, ETEOCLES!





HERCULES! LOOK WELL-
AT THIS CLOAK! IT BELONGS
TO JOLE! SHE'S IN MY
TENT NOW AWAITING THE
VICTORY I WILL WIN
OVER THE THEBANS
THIS DAY!



GET TO YOUR POSTS!
ADVANCE THE SIEGE
TOWERS TO THE WALLS!
FORWARD TO THE
GATES WITH THE
BATTERING-RAM!



LOOK THERE! THE
THEBANS HAVE LEFT
THE WALLS! THEY'VE
ABANDONED THEIR
DEFENSES!

THEY'RE PROBABLY
PREPARING TO
SURRENDER!



BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT THE GATES
SWING OPEN AND...

HERCULES! AND THE
THEBAN CHARIOTS!



IN VENGEFUL FURY THE THEBANS ATTACK THE ARGIVE HOST...

RUN! RUN, OR WE'LL ALL
BE DESTROYED!

FORWARD,
THEBANS!

AS THE ARGIVES RETREAT IN DISORDER...

THOSE SIEGE TOWERS ARE OUR ONLY CHANCE! ORDER OUR ARCHERS TO SHOOT DOWN ON THE THEBANS!

AT ONCE, COMMANDER ANFIRAO!



HERCULES! THOSE ARGIVE BOWMEN WILL STOP THE ATTACK UNLESS--

I HAVE THE ANSWER FOR THAT, ULYSSES!



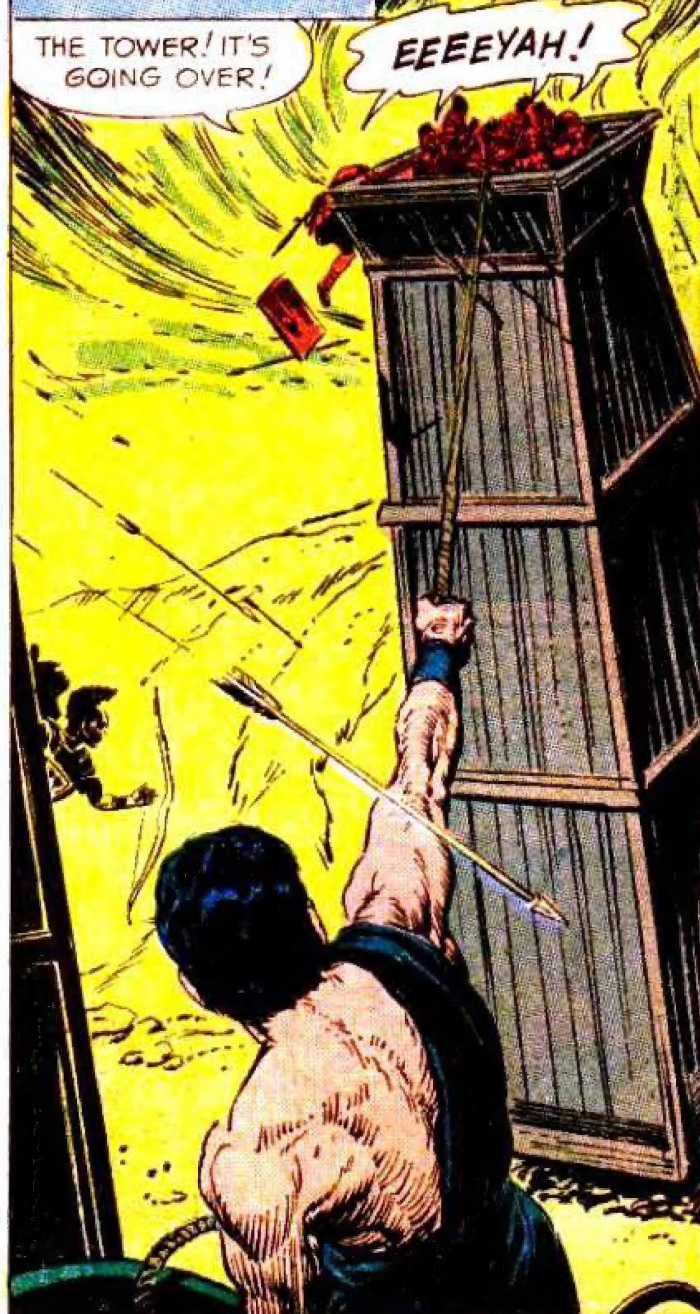
THIS GRAPPLING HOOK SHOULD DO THE TASK!



AND AS HERCULES' MASSIVE SHOULDERS HAUL AT THE LINE...

THE TOWER! IT'S GOING OVER!

EEEEYAH!





HERCULES! YOU'VE
BROKEN THE BACK
OF THEIR ATTACK!



IT'S OUR COMMANDER,
ANFIRAO! HE WAS
TRAPPED BY THE
FALLING TOWER!

THEN THE BATTLE
IS OVER! AND WE
ARE LOST!



THE ARGIVES ARE
DEFEATED! THEY'RE
FLEEING FOR THEIR
LIVES!

QUICKLY! TO THE
ARGIVE CAMP!
WE'VE GOT TO
FIND JOLE!



THAT NIGHT ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

AND SO THE FATES TOOK THEIR
REVENGE ON THE SONS OF OEDIPUS!
AND NOW MAY OUR CITY BE PURIFIED BY
THESE FLAMES-- THE BURNING SYMBOL
OF OUR VICTORY AND OUR LOVE
FOR FREEDOM!



JOLE, YOU'VE GONE
THROUGH SO MUCH--
THE FATES HAVE
PLACED MANY TRIALS
IN OUR PATH! BUT
PERHAPS NOW...

I DO NOT FEAR
FOR THE FUTURE;
HERCULES-- AS
LONG AS YOU
ARE THERE TO
SHARE IT WITH ME!

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The Feats of Hercules

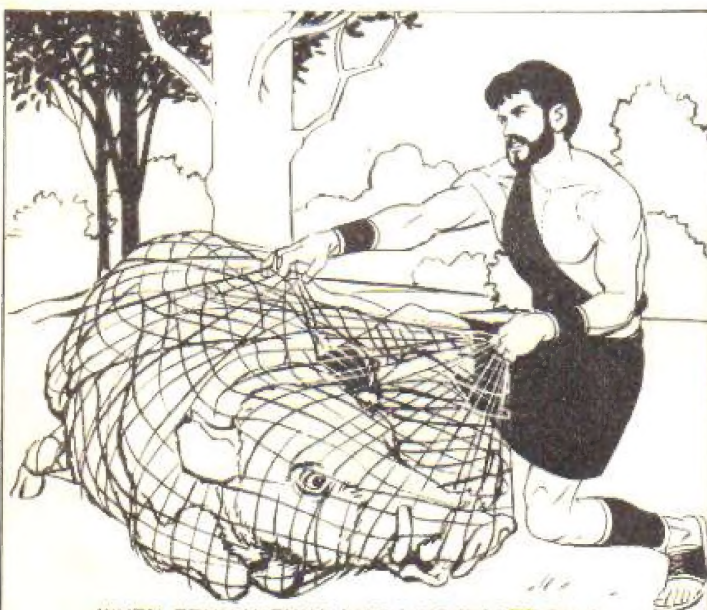
THROUGHOUT THE ANCIENT WORLD THE MIGHTY HERCULES WAS CELEBRATED FOR HIS FEATS OF STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE. HE WAS ORDERED TO DESTROY THE STYMPHALIAN BIRDS WHO RAVAGED THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH THEIR CLAWS AND BEAKS... THOUGH THEY USED THEIR FEATHERS FOR ARROWS, HERCULES SLEW THEM...



SINGLE HANDED, HE CARRIED THE FEROCIOUS THREE-HEADED DOG CERBERUS OUT OF HADES INTO THE UPPER WORLD...



THE ARCADIAN STAG DEFIED ALL HUNTERS WITH ITS GOLDEN ANTLERS AND BRAZEN HOOFS! BUT HERCULES PURSUED IT FOR A WHOLE YEAR--- AND CAPTURED IT!



WHEN ERYMANTHUS WAS LAID WASTE BY A HUGE WILD BOAR, HERCULES CAPTURED THE CREATURE WITH A NET.



WHEN THE MONSTROUS GIGANTES ATTACKED OLYMPUS, THE GODS THEMSELVES CALLED HERCULES TO HELP THEM DESTROY THE TITANIC CREATURES.



Before the walls of Thebes two mighty armies clash in a fierce struggle — with Hercules' native city as the prize!

And while brother fights against brother for one throne, a cynical mercenary waits to pick up the pieces of a shattered kingdom.

Then the mighty Hercules breaks out of the *Tower of Tigers* to fight for his country's freedom.

